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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans) 86 MAR 1963

SUBJECT: Interview with [redacted]

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1. [redacted] on 18 March 1963 by Deputy Chief, Africa Division. [redacted] was particularly interesting on the Republic of South Africa which he was visiting for the first time. Some of his more important comments and beliefs follow in capsule form.

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2. He believes the present form of government in the Republic of South Africa can and will survive another 25 years unless the United States or Russia takes drastic action to upset Republic chances. Noting that South Africa has 80 per cent of the industrial capacity of the African continent, he feels the Republic can survive any combination of pressures, sanctions, or boycotts imposed by the rest of Africa.

3. Admitting that there will be organized violence and sabotage leading to bloodshed, he believes the Government can and will use whatever measures are required to keep the lid on. He believes there is little or no need to be concerned about investments in the Republic. In fact, he seemed optimistic on this point.

4. [redacted] is in agreement with the objectives (European/white control) but not the method (highly restrictive laws) of the South African Government. Immediate and full suffrage would be foolish but gradual improvement is possible. The ethnic British in South Africa are more liberal than the Afrikaners, but all agree on the objective of "continuing European control."

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5. He recalled that the Minister for Defense was bitter about certain public statements by American officials. The Minister said that so long as the United States administration chose to make these gratuitous statements, then "the South African Government will remain rigid as steel."

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